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Honorable Edward M. Kennedy, Chairman   4 NOV 1975
Subcommittee on Administrative
  Practice and Procedure
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have your letter of 28 October 1975 inquiring of our response to your earlier questions and requesting copies or access to Agency records on human-use experimentation.

Please be advised that we have responded to your 25 September 1975 letter and my staff is now in touch with yours in responding to your new request. In this connection, and as you know, I have a responsibility to protect intelligence sources and methods including the confidentiality of our relationships with cooperating Americans. Some of these relationships are classified to prevent a foreign power from learning of an intelligence interest in or use of certain techniques. Other relationships are protected at the request of cooperating Americans who are desirous of maintaining the confidentiality of their association with the Agency. We have worked out procedures with the Senate Select Committee to deal with these concerns as well as to meet the full requirements of the Committee's inquiry. Accordingly I suggest that we apply the same procedures to handle the requirements of your Subcommittee.

My staff will be in contact with yours to work out the procedures as we proceed promptly to respond to your request. I have further instructed my staff to bring to me any problems in this regard so that I may work them out directly with you to avoid delays. I hope the foregoing will meet with your satisfaction.

Sincerely,

/s/ W. E. Colby

W. E. Colby
Director

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